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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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**KEN GIVENS**  
COMMISSIONER

**REGULATORY SERVICES**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Field Staff  
Ag Crime Unit  
TEMA  
Ms. Tami Giles, Tourism ESC

**FROM:** Ron Wilson, DVM

**SUBJECT:** Animal Health Requirements for Evacuated Animals

**DATE:** September 1, 2005

The Tennessee interstate health requirements for those animals accompanying owners evacuating from Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana disaster sites are being temporarily waived. However, dogs and cats entering boarding facilities that do not have a current rabies vaccination should be vaccinated as soon as possible following entry. Boarding facilities may coordinate health evaluations and vaccinations with local veterinarians, as needed. Likewise, horses should have a negative EIA test within the previous twelve (12) months, or should be tested as soon as possible after entry. When EIA testing is required, please contact Dr. Bob Linnabary (615-837-5120) in our office for details regarding arrangements; Bob will coordinate our field staff so as to provide testing services at a minimal expense to evacuees' horses only. Any animals that demonstrate clinical signs reflecting an illness should be isolated from healthy animals and treatment sought from a local veterinarian as soon as possible.

Cc: Mr. John Sanford